

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the captioned Application in which claims 1-17 are allowed.

This paper does not narrow the scope of any claim element or limitation and so is not limiting of any claim element or limitation, and Applicant reserves the right to the benefit of the doctrine of equivalents with respect thereto.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant cites the items listed on Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith and encloses a copy of each such item that is not a US Patent or US Patent Publication. Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure is made with a Request for Continued Examination, no fee is due therefor.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the citations made in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith, make same of record in the captioned Application, and provide an initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

Conclusion:

Applicant respectfully requests that the citations made in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be considered, that all of pending claims 1-17 be again allowed, and that the Application be passed to issuance.

The number of claims remaining being the same as or less than the number previously paid for, no fee is due therefor in consequence of this timely filed response.


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A Fee Transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if there is any question or if prosecution of this Application could be furthered by telephone.

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